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SUBJECT: UPU: ISRAELI INFO REQUEST RE MAIL TO SOVIET
JEWS

REF: GENEVA 0216 NOTAL

1. REFTEL REPORTS ISRAELI DCM IN BERN ASKED MISSION GENEVA
FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING AN ALLEGED DISCUSSION OF MATTER
OF MAIL TO SOVIET JEWS AT NOVEMBER MEETING OF UPU'S
CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL FOR POSTAL STUDIES (CCPS). MISSION
KNEW NOTHING AND ADVISED DCM HAVE ISRAELI EMBASSY WASHINGTON
CONTACT DEPARTMENT. ISRAELI EMBASSY HAS NOT APPROACHED
DEPARTMENT.

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2. INFORMATION IS IN ERROR. REPORT RELATES TO BILATERAL,
ON-GOING DISCUSSION BETWEEN US POSTAL SERVICE (USPS) AND
SOVIET ADMINISTRATION REGARDING PROBLEMS WHICH U.S.
RESIDENTS EXPERIENCE IN SENDING MAIL TO USSR. MOST RECENT
APPROACH WAS MADE BY USPS REPRESENTATIVE AT BERN DURING
CCPS MEETING BUT MATTER WAS NOT DISCUSSED BY CCPS. AS

BEFORE, SOVIET RESPONSE WAS IN PART TO JUSTIFY PRESENT ACTIONS AND THEN TO PROMISE TO LOOK FURTHER INTO THE MATTER WITHOUT INDICATING POSSIBILITIES OF IMPROVING PERFORMANCE. IN ANY CASE USPS WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE ISSUE SO LONG AS LEGITIMATE COMPLAINTS PERSIST.

3. IN BRIEF, COMPLAINTS INVOLVE MOSTLY SOVIET JEWS AND CONSIST OF SOVIET RETURN OF ITEMS AS "NONDELIVERABLE" (EVEN CHILDREN'S TOYS ON ONE OCCASION) OR "ADDRESSEE MOVED AWAY" (WHEN US CORRESPONDENTS KNOW THAT ADDRESS IS CORRECT AND MAY EVEN SUCCEED AT LATER DATE IN HAVING MAIL DELIVERED TO THE SAME SOVIET ADDRESS) OR REFUSAL TO DELIVER LARGE QUANTITIES OF MAIL TO SOVIET JEWS ("HARASSMENT FROM PEOPLE THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW"). ONE RECENT EMIGREE HAS HAD GREAT DIFFICULTY IN SENDING MAIL TO HIS SON AND HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED AS AN "EVIL MAN" APPARENTLY BECAUSE HE WAS URGING HIS SON TO EMIGRATE.

4. DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION TO MISSION'S INFORMING ISRAELI AUTHORITIES OF ABOVE AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE.
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